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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA
VLADIMIR DIMITROV MEDAROV

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATED INFORMATION REFTEL LIBYAN-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AND PROVIDES FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MEDAROV AS PERHAPS USEFUL SUPPLEMENT TO THAT ALREADY AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY TRIPOLI AND DEPARTMENT.

2. VLADIMIR DIMITROV MEDAROV WAS BORN MARCH 18, 1925 AT VILLAGE OF OGNYSANOVO IN PAZARDZHIK DISTRICT OF SOUTHWESTERN BULGARIA. HE WAS TRAINED AS A CHEMICAL ENGINEER, HAS BEEN A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY SINCE 1966, AND IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER ZORKA HRISTOVA.

3. MEDAROV'S CAREER HAS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

1951-53: ENGINEER IN A CHEMICAL PLANT AT DIMITROVGRAD;
1953-62: CHIEF ENGINEER AND THEN DIRECTOR (1960-62) OF THE KARL MARX SODA PLANT AT DEVNYA, NEAR VARNA; 1962-66: CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE NEFTOCHIM OIL PROCESSING COMBINE NEAR BURGAS; 1966-71: GENERAL DIRECTOR OF NEFTOCHIM; 1971-73: FIRST DEPUTY DIRECT

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ORGANIZATION FOR HEAVY CHEMICAL PRODUCTION, REMAINING GENERAL DIRECTOR OF NEFTOCHIM; 1974-77: FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

4. IN 1973, MEADROV SPENT TWO WEEKS IN THE US VISITING OIL COMPANIES--INCLUDING STANDARD OIL, DUPONT, AND

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM--IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, HOUSTON, OHIO,
AND PUERTO RICO.

5. IN FEBRUARY 1978, HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO
LIBYA IN PLACE OF STOYAN KARASLAVOV, THUS STARTING HIS
DIPLOMATIC CAREER.
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